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GAINING MOMENTUM.

The Christian Extension Movement began somewhat haltingly. The team, which was composed of the five different English speaking churches was not accustomed to traveling together even over "the straight and narrow way." They had not previously been guided by the same rein nor curbed by the same bit even though they thought they had been going in the same direction. But they are now coming into their stride. They are getting under an easy and even way which means complete success for the movement and great promise for unity of work in the local field hereafter. One of the finest results of these meetings promises to be the emphasis on the value of team work among Christian peoples in pulling a heavy load.

This spirit is contagious. It is seen to an unexampled degree in the meetings of the Hawaiians, the Japanese, and the Chinese which are going on simultaneously. They are responding sympathetically to the chord. In a series of stirring meetings the Japanese are gathering throughout the city in the various churches and out of doors for the churches are not large enough to hold the throngs. Besides the monster meeting at the Liberty Theater about which Bishop Bashford exclaimed in wonder and delight, important interdenominational mission meetings are being held nightly. The Hawaiians, under the lead of their local pastors, are being stirred in a way which is a reminder of the old days of religious work among this responsive people. The effect of this banding together is immeasurable. It at once strengthens the faith of the believer and removes a cause of doubt and question from the unbeliever. It is having an educative effect and a unifying influence which take away from mission work among peoples where racial differences are significant one of the great barriers to complete success.

KUHIO'S DECISION.

Kuhio has consented, upon the good advice of Messrs. Breckons and Shingle and other friends, to go back to his post at Washington. It is a decision that is in accord with his sense of duty and consistent with his advice to let the people manage their own affairs without bossism in the convention to come. One might easily disagree with the wisdom of leaving anything to Lane and Achi, but after all they are mere dial-pointers moved by wheels within and out of sight, and in significant matters do not count by themselves.

The way will be reasonably clear, if both sides want harmony, to have it. The Star assumes that Kuhio will stand by his pledge not to make the Frear contest a convention issue and the Taft League by its pledge not to resist the choice of Kuhio as a Chicago delegate. If both sides play fairly we may come out of the summer's politics in good party shape.

The rumor that there is any hint of disloyalty to Governor Frear in keeping the Kuhio quarrel out of the convention, in no way accords with any phase of the situation that presents itself to us. The Frear case has gone to Washington, not to Chicago, and it is on briefs before the appointing power. The argument has been had, the decision is awaited. Governor Frear's friends have done as much as they can for him and are confident of the outcome. Why renew the quarrel in convention?

THE BRITON IN THE PACIFIC.

While the idea of fortifying Palmyra island has not been considered within the range of practicable war measures, it may be held essential to Great Britain's naval supremacy that new Pacific naval bases should be found. Archibald R. Colquhoun lately discussed the matter and said that two such vantage points were necessary, if the balance was to be maintained. "The situation we are brought to face," as he said for the British, "is that Great Britain is actually occupied in keeping a predominance in European waters, and unless she makes a supreme effort she can hardly hope to do that. Therefore the ambitions and rivalries which her unquestioned supremacy has kept in check must be expected to assert themselves with augmented force in non-European waters. Until 1915 she has an agreement with Japan which nominally secures the status quo in the Far East. As a matter of fact, the status quo is altering all the time and not to the benefit of the British trader or of the British Dominions in the Pacific. The absolute necessity of augmenting British naval power in the Pacific by some means will be urged at our next Imperial Conference, and Americans must watch the result with considerable anxiety, for the decision must largely affect their own future policy. As a continental self-contained nation they once dreamed of avoiding all outside complications either through alliances or disputes, but the whole course of their recent history demonstrates the futility of such hopes. As far as the Pacific is concerned, the security of the great sea-borne trade which is bound to develop there would be sufficient to demand the provision of adequate sea power. The distance between the United States and her markets in eastern Asia, added to the fact that her best strategic points (in Hawaii and the Philippines) are also a long way from their bases, makes it essential that she should find support in the southern Pacific from a friendly power whose ambitions and ideals run parallel with her own."

LUMBER PRICES.

With lumber selling for a song at Bellingham bay and for a Duke's ransom here, all through the operations of a coast combine which has the earmarks of a trust, it is interesting to know what product of the forests is available at a port on the opposite side of the Pacific—Antung. The Daily Consular reports give some interesting data on that point, under date of last November.

The trade in timber at Antung has an important bearing on the general business of the port, as more persons are interested in this industry than in any other. The showing made during 1910 was far from encouraging. There was a congestion of the wood market at Antung, and over half of the wood produced remained unsold. There is, in fact, a great deal of wood on hand which is several years old, and much of it is rotting.

The character of this timber, under the tabulated heading of "Wood and Manufactures of," is as follows:

Beams—Hardwood.....pieces..... Softwood.....do.....
Planks.....square feet..... Poles.....pieces.....

One would think that some of this material, which is remarkably cheap, could pay duty here and yet underbid the usual supplies in a way to start the town growing in all available directions.

The talk about sea-serpents being myths is mostly ill-formed. The testimony as to their existence is good enough to pass in any court of law and it includes official reports of the commander of a British war-ship, of merchant skippers, of mayors of coast towns, and now has been added the authority of scientists who, it is said, have obtained specimens at great depths for the Prince of Monaco. The monster is a deep sea product and rarely comes to the surface, except, perhaps, while he is ailing. On the score of speculation merely, it is as probable that pythons have their cousins in the depths as snakes do in the cell-festined shallows. But for the sea-serpent is the validity of proof.

The visit of the Episcopal Bishop to the Methodist conference was a noteworthy event. Originally the Methodist church was part of the Episcopal body and its founder was a clergyman of the established church. Then came a great secession, and a new denomination was started which recognized its Episcopal antecedents in its name, its bishopric, and in certain ritualistic practices like going to the altar for communion. Since the divergence, the two churches have been practically strangers, hence the significance of Bishop Restarick's call of ceremony on the conference, which, however, is not the only instance of the kind.

Walt Mason The Poet Philosopher

A hundred years ago the kid was kicking up much fuss and bother, and everything the infant did seemed cute as thunder to his father. The old man rocked him when he screamed, and jollied him when he crossed and snarled; and as he rocked he doubtless dreamed of triumphs that might come to Charlie. "This son of mine," the old man thought, and drew the cradle close and closer, "may some day own a house and lot, or be the leading corner grocer. He may arise through stress and storm, and be a credit to his popper; perhaps he'll wear a uniform and have a billet as a copper. I do not dare to soar too high when dreaming of this latest comer, yet it may be, before I die, I'll see him busy as a plumber." Thus parents dream and scheme and plan a life for baby that's a wonder; and when the kid becomes a man, he knocks the blue prints all to thunder. Had Dickens lived to see the lad win world wide glory as a writer, he might have sighed: "This is too bad! I thought he'd be a first-class fighter!"

Copyright, 1912, by George Matthew Adams. WALT MASON.

At the present price per pound for onion seed, raising crops for seed only, might be good at the start.

The Delegate now talks of leaving for Washington this week. It's better late than never.

Why doesn't Woodrow Wilson make his speeches through a slate-writing medium.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

DETECTIVE LAKE—I'd rather see a well-painted billboard on upper King street than a Japanese shack.

EDITRESS LANGTON—I am going to New York pretty soon and make the rural folk there sit up and take notice.

GEORGE MARKHAM—Sometimes when we give a luau to haole we serve roast dog with a pig's head on it in place of its own.

MARSTON CAMPBELL—The weather in Hilo was beautiful during the few days I was there. No rain and fine clear cold days were the rule.

W. F. MARTIN—I will be leaving for the mainland tomorrow on the Wilhelmina. I was unable to make the Mongolia, as I had hoped to do.

PERCY POND—The earth I am using to fill in my swamp land at Waikiki is from near Diamond Head and is good material, as everyone can see.

C. A. PETERSON—I should think that it would be necessary to eliminate the middlemen in the production of the onion here in order to make it an unqualified success.

ADMIRAL COWLES—If dredging has to be done for the prospective floating drydock why not dredge on the other side of the harbor and make some use of that waterfront.

REV. R. E. SMITH—Bishop Bashford says that he and his fellow Methodists get on famously with the Episcopal bishop and clergy in China and unite with them in various kinds of good work.

W. N. ROBERTS—The Summer school system is a good scheme and the teachers have opportunities to obtain certificates through it. The lectures that are given are by the best men, and there are no tuition fees.

R. A. JORDAN—I would like to know what is being done with regard to the Trans-Pacific yacht race. It is one of the most interesting of Pacific sporting events and has a promotion value which should guarantee its perpetuity.

A. BOWEN—Yes, we are all very optimistic regarding the results of the Christian Extension Movement here. The demeanor of the people who attend the meetings shows that there are some serious-minded persons in Honolulu.

FRED BUTLER—I suppose it is rather hard to convince newcomers who have been reading articles published in the Sunday supplements of the Const papers that they won't have to eat fried fox-terrier to maintain their social status.

KAMAHALUA—The big squid are still to be found along the reef off the Koolau coast. The Hawaiians don't fish for them with the shell any more, however. Only big ones are caught with the shell and they make too much pilikia before they are killed and put in the canoe.

M. TOGAWA—To kill the green flies on roses, spray with water in which cigar-stumps have been soaked. Tobacco-dust may also be powdered on the plant. For the midew which sometimes affects the leaves and branches, powdered sulphur is good. Water the plant before applying the sulphur; then the latter will stick.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

THE CHINESE FAMINE. Editor Star: I am glad to see that something is being done for the starving millions of China, but there is hardly as much interest taken in this subject as one would expect.

One would naturally expect to see all the nationalities of those islands contributing most liberally, and to see this fund grow with leaps and bounds. But it must be that the majority of the people do not think, do not realize what it really means to be actually starving. Indeed, it is too dreadful to contemplate, or to even think of.

I think that if all the newspapers of this Territory including the Hawaiian, Portuguese, Chinese and Japanese were to start relief funds similar to the Advertiser's much good would be done.

This would call the attention of thousands of people to this subject

GRAND JURORS

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by the proceedings."

A demurrer interposed by the Territory is sustained. In the leading opinion the court states the case as follows:

Opinion of the Court by De Bolt, J. "To an indictment against the defendant, found by the grand jury of the circuit court of the first circuit on February 7, 1912, the defendant filed a plea in abatement, alleging, in substance, that the members of the grand jury were not legally qualified to serve, in that, on the date fixed pursuant to law for drawing the names of twenty-three persons to serve as grand jurors during the 1912 term of the circuit court of the first circuit, and upon the names of twenty-three persons being so drawn, the circuit judge, then presiding, of his own motion, summarily excused from service, without causing them to be summoned, four of those so drawn, upon the ground that they were 'serving on the jury of the United States District Court' four, upon the ground 'that their names had not been released from the envelope' containing the names of those who had served at the preceding term; one, upon the ground that he was 'living in the outside district where it would be impossible for him to attend'; one, upon the ground that he was 'in the Philippines'; two, upon the grounds that 'one is a bookkeeper at Ala and the other is manager of the Pearl City Fruit Co., and it will be impossible for them to attend without great expense to the county, * * * living too far away from the center of activity; that the circuit judge thereupon caused a sufficient number of names of other persons to be drawn from the grand jury box to complete

the panel of twenty-three, and a summons was issued accordingly; that the grand jury, as thus constituted, found and returned the indictment in question; that the clerk, not only drew the names of twenty-three persons to serve as grand jurors, but that he drew the names of thirty-five persons to serve as grand jurors; that 'this is the first opportunity which the defendant has had to raise' these 'objections and challenge to the grand jury. * * * in that he was arrested and confined in the county prison * * * subsequent to the impaneling of the grand jury * * * and was not present when the persons constituting said grand jury * * * were, or any, or either, of them were sworn or examined upon their voir dire, or when the said grand jury * * * was impaneled and sworn.' The prayer is that the indictment be quashed and dismissed."

Following is the conclusion of the court's opinion:

"We can not say in this case that the action of the circuit judge was such as to render the organization of the grand jury illegal, or such as to vitiate the indictment. We are also of the opinion that the names of the persons who constituted the grand jury were drawn by lot; that the grand jury was legally constituted; and that the indictment against the defendant is valid. The demurrer to the plea in abatement should be sustained. The question reserved, therefore, is answered in the affirmative." P. W. Milverton, first deputy city and county attorney of Honolulu, for the Territory; Lorin Andrews for defendant.

Chief Justice Robertson gives a caution to judges to stick to the law in future, in his concurring opinion which reads as follows:

"The irregularity complained of is not such as to warrant the quashing of the indictment. The procedure prescribed by the statute should, however, be followed by the circuit judges. Section 1774 of the Revised Laws provides that if a person entitled to be excused from jury duty has been summoned as a juror he may make and transmit his affidavit setting forth his reason for claiming an excuse, and that the same shall be considered by the judge 'when the name of such person is called.' If the affidavit is deemed sufficient in substance it shall be received as an excuse for non-attendance in person and the court will order it to be filed by the clerk. And section 1784 provides that, 'at the time when the order for the grand jurors is returnable, or as soon thereafter as convenient, the clerk, under the direction of the court, shall call the names of those summoned, and the court may then hear excuses of jurors summoned.'"

"A trial judge ought not to substitute a procedure of his own for that prescribed by the legislature. Should a practice so to do grow up it would be apt to cause the legislature to go to the extreme of making the statutory provisions mandatory as was done in Oklahoma. See Sharp v. United States, 138 Fed. 878. Perhaps the circuit judges should be authorized to set aside the names of jurors for such reasons as appealed to the judge in the case at bar at the time of the drawing, but the procedure should be prescribed by the legislature and not inaugurated by the courts."

STANDING COMMITTEES.

President B. von Damm, of the central improvement committee, has announced his standing committees for the ensuing year as follows:

Legislative—Ed. Towse, chairman; W. W. Thayer, D. L. Wittington, J. W. Gilmore and J. M. Levy.

Business Section—Wm. Walters, chairman; Father Valentin, Will. J. Cooper, Harry T. Mills and C. J. McCarthy.

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James F. Morgan, by his will, left his entire estate to his wife. It is valued in probate at \$75,000. Mrs. Morgan is named in the will as executrix not to be required to give a bond.

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Plans, specifications and proposal blanks are on file in the office of the Superintendent of Public Works.

The Superintendent of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

MARSTON CAMPBELL, Superintendent of Public Works. Honolulu, March 26, 1912.

Funeral Notice

I. O. O. F.

All members of Polynesia Encampment No. 1, Excelsior Lodge No. 1, Harmony Lodge No. 3, and all visiting brothers are requested to assemble at the Odd Fellows Hall, Fort street at 4 p. m. Wednesday, March 27th.

To attend the funeral of our late brother, Selden W. Shaw, who died March 25th, 1912.

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